GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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FINANCIAL IRREGULARITIES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the matter of some Army Officers having alleged to have destroyed sensitive documents and files pertaining to financial irregularities has come to the notice of the Government;

(b) if so, whether any inquiry has been conducted into the matter;

(c) if so, the outcome thereof;

(d) the action taken against officials found guilty; and

(e) the steps being taken to avoid recurrence of such cases in future?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) to (d): A Court of Inquiry has found a Lieutenant Colonel and a Colonel (since retired) responsible for breach of security and violation of certain rules and regulations. An attachment order has been issued in February, 2005 for proceeding with disciplinary action against the Lieutenant Colonel. A criminal case against the Colonel, who has retired, will be filed after completion of disciplinary action against the Lieutenant Colonel.

(e) A Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) has been issued to tighten the security procedure in the Military Farm Directorate.